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Economic Requirements for OOI Periodic Requirements List for  
the Period 1 December 1956 through 31 March 1957.

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1. As requested in the referenced St/I notice, retention or amendment of items in the OOI Periodic Requirements List is suggested below.

WESTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE

1. European Economic and Regional Affairs:

Heading 2, COCOM (Coordinating Committee): Amend third paragraph to read "...present indications are that it may take place in either December or February." In paragraph, five, delete "Apparently in anticipation of the CG meeting", so that sentence begins "Cooperation in COCOM and CHINCOM has deteriorated...." (S)

2. Austria:

(East-West Trade): Amend fourth sentence to read "Moreover the trend in 1955 in that trade was upward, and present indications are that this trend has continued during 1956." (S)

Amend item "i" to read "What are the attitudes of political leaders and business men toward participation in trade with Communist China?" (S)

3. Belgium:

Retain paragraph 2, items f, g, h and i.

Add "What evidence has there been of changes in the types of commodities handled or the ultimate destinations described by known East west traders since the adoption of the Transit Authorization Certificate scheme by Belgium?" (S)

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4. Denmark:

Retain paragraph 5, items a, b and c.

5. Finland:

Retain paragraph 9, items a and b.

6. France:

Retain paragraphs 2 and 3.

7. Iceland:

Retain paragraph 8.

8. Italy:

Retain paragraph 3, items g, h and i.

9. Netherlands:

Retain paragraph 1, item j, and paragraphs 2 and 3 (introduction).

10. Norway:

Retain paragraphs 5, item a, and paragraph 6.

11. Portugal:

Retain paragraph 5. For item c, substitute "Any indications of strategic items moving to the Communist mainland through Macao."

12. Spain:

Retain complete paragraph 4.

13. Sweden:

Retain paragraph 2, items a through e.

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14. Switzerland:

Retain paragraph 5, items a through f.

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Retain paragraph 6, items a through f.

LATIN AMERICA

1. Argentina:

Retain paragraph 8 and paragraph 10, item e.

2. Bolivia:

Add "what is the level and character of Bolivian  
trade with the USSR and other Bloc countries?" (U)

3. Brazil:

Retain paragraphs 8 through 11.

4. Chile:

Retain items 5 and 6.

5. Colombia:

Retain paragraph 3, item a.

Add "what is the level and character of Colombian  
trade with the USSR and other Bloc countries?"

6. Costa Rica:

Retain paragraph 4, items a, b and e.

7. Cuba:

Retain paragraph 6, items f and j.

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Add "What merchant vessels carrying sugar to Sino-Soviet Bloc destinations are chartered to Bloc agencies. What are the details of these charters?"

8. Dominican Republic:

Retain paragraph 3, item c.

9. Ecuador:

Retain paragraph 4, items a through e.

10. El Salvador:

Retain paragraph 3, item c.

11. Haiti:

Retain paragraph 3, items b, c and d.

12. Honduras:

Retain paragraph 3, items h and i.

13. [REDACTED]

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Retain paragraph 1, item a (2); paragraphs 5 and 6; paragraph 7, item a.

14. Netherlands/Antilles:

Add "U.S. bunkering controls prevent the bunkering of merchant vessels bound for Communist Far East ports within 120 days. There is the possibility that vessels could circumvent these controls by calling at Curacao for bunkers after leaving US ports. Report instances of vessels bunkering at Curacao en route from US ports to the Communist Far East" (C)

15. Nicaragua:

Retain paragraph 4.

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16. Panama:

Retain paragraph 10.

17. Paraguay:

Retain paragraph 6, items a through e.

18. Peru:

Retain paragraphs 5, 13 and 14.

19. Uruguay:

Retain paragraph 1, items a through e.

20. Venezuela:

Retain paragraph 11.

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